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### MONTANA - State Population Estimates, July 1, 2008: 967,440 Rank 44th

<http://ceic.mt.gov/EstimatesStatePop.asp>

According to newly released state population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, Montana's population increased by 10,816 between July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008. Nearly 6,300 more people moved into the state than moved out, contributing to the increase. Between 2007 and 2008, Montana's growth rate of 1.1 percent ranked the state as the 14th fastest growing in the nation. Montana added 65,250 residents between April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2008, a 7.2 percent increase, ranking the state 20th in growth between these years.

Nationally, Utah jumped to the top as the nation's fastest-growing state, with a population increase of 2.5 percent between July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008. Arizona remained in second place for the second year. Nevada, the previous year's growth leader fell to number eight.

Populations change on a daily basis with births and deaths and by people moving in and out of an area. These components of population change are referred to as Natural Increases and Net Migration which includes either domestic (referred to as Internal) and International Migration.

This is the first in a series of population estimates that will be released on a flow basis through spring and summer 2009. In addition to states, estimates will be provided for the total population of counties, incorporated cities and metro areas, as well as the population of the nation, states, and counties by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin.

